

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7-19 and 21 without prejudice, and amend claim 20 as follows:

7-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) ~~A method as claimed in claim 18, A method~~  
of fabricating a liquid crystal display device, said liquid crystal display device comprising:  
first and second, mutually opposing substrates, a liquid crystal layer confined between said  
first and second substrates, and an electrode provided on said first substrate so as to create an  
electric field acting generally in a plane of said liquid crystal layer, said method comprising  
the step of:

exposing a molecular alignment film formed on each of said first and second  
substrates to a polarized ultraviolet radiation,

wherein said step of exposing said molecular alignment film is conducted such  
that an exposure dose for a ~~non-pixel~~ region between pixels is increased as compared with an  
exposure dose for a pixel region.

21. (Canceled)